

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

HIROYUKI NAITOU, ET AL.

: EXAMINER: HAILEY, P. L.

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CATALYSTS FOR THE PRODUCTION

OF METHACRYLIC ACID

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application.